

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Senator Nichol a question. Has this new Secretary of Agriculture started in on this again?

SENATOR NICHOL: Pardon me?

SENATOR KEYES: When did the Secretary of Agriculture in Nebraska start in on this?

SENATOR NICHOL: I don't know that he did sir.

SENATOR KEYES: Who started...who asked for the bill?

SENATOR NICHOL: There is a farmer in western Nebraska by the name of John Cooke who has several sections of farm and he grinds hay and he pellatizes hay and I understand that there are a few, I don't know how many, other farmers have started pellatizing hay too. But, this applies only to farmer, not to commercial dealers.

SENATOR KEYES: Well we had this same problem before, I think it was four or five years ago where the people who were feeding cattle commercially and because of the fact that they were going to charge them \$10 a ton the Department of Agriculture, for every ton they fed. We certainly took care of them then without a bill and I think that we can take care of the Secretary of Agriculture right now without a bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, what is happening is they are operating outside the law. If you want them to continue to do that I guess they could. I thought that the farmers should operate within the law.

SENATOR KEYES: It all depends upon how they make their sale bill. If they make their sale bill out the right away they are not operating without the law. As a matter of fact there is no feeder in the State of Nebraska that pays 10¢ a ton inspection fee for the feed that he sells when he grinds up corn, hay, and so forth and charges the individual for corn hay and protein. But, if he sells a mixed feed he pays 10¢ a ton. I think....I will vote for the bill, but I think that somebody is giving that boy a little wrong steer.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: A question of Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Nichol, will you respond?

SENATOR BARNETT: You know I have a small amendment for Select and you know that I don't know the difference between unground hay, and in the new language it is hay or alfalfa. What is the difference between the two? How could it affect industry?

SENATOR NICHOL: I believe really what they are referring to here for the most part is alfalfa which is a little different than wild hay. Ordinarily they don't grind wild hay and they don't pelletalize wild hay. We are talking for the most part alfalfa